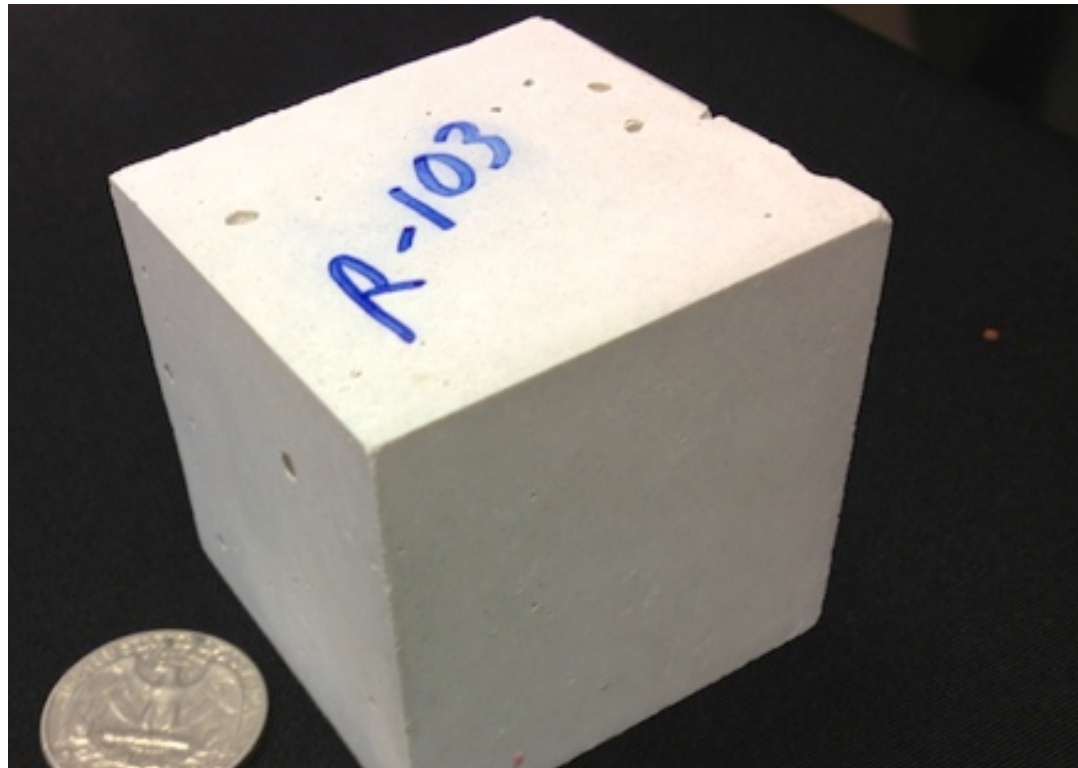


Are We Ready for Nuclear Energy in UTAH?

The University of Utah Nuclear
Engineering Program Supports YES!

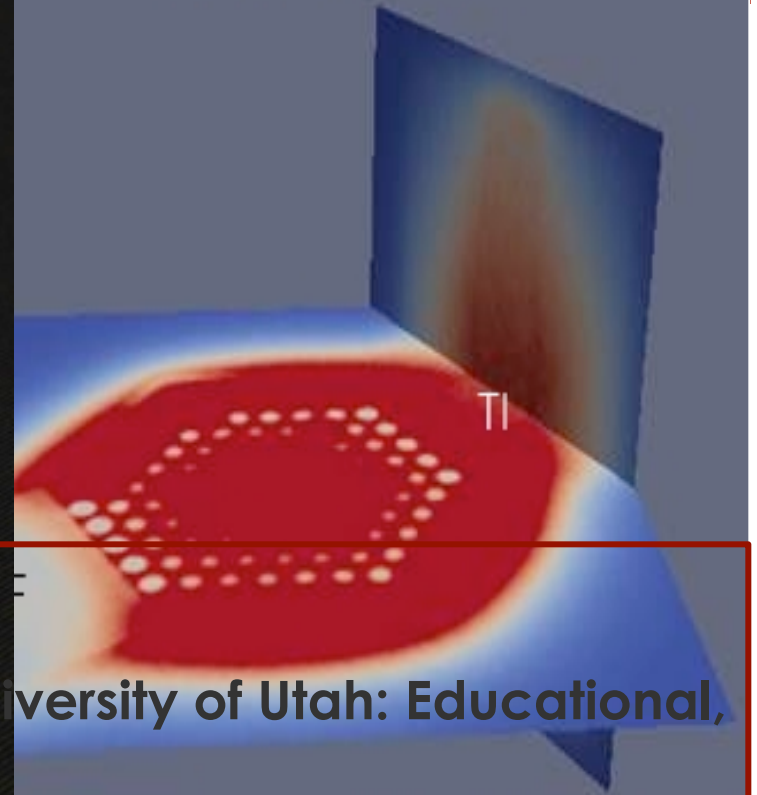
Dr. Tatjana Jevremovic

Chair Professor and Director of
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The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah



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Thermal Flux for UUTR



- About my Path
- Nuclear Engineering Program at the University of Utah: Educational, Training and Research Capabilities

About My Path



In 1990 to Japan

EDUCATION - in nuclear engineering

MS: University of Belgrade

BS: University of Belgrade

EMPLOYMENT:

Project Manager in Energoprojekt Co for 8 years

- Thermal & nuclear power plants environmental effects and systems designs
- Simulation and modeling
- Nuclear power plants site selection (IAEA)

EDUCATION - in nuclear engineering

PhD: The University of Tokyo

EMPLOYMENT:

- Professor at the University of Tokyo for 2 years
 - Supercritical light water reactors designs
- Chief Engineer at Nuclear Fuel Industries, Ltd for 5.5 years
 - Reactor neutronics software development
 - In 2001 received the annual company award for the development of ANEMONA software
 - ANEMONA is a part of nuclear power plants' relicensing tools for BRW in JAPAN



In 2001 to USA

About My Path



EMPLOYMENT

2001 – 2009 Purdue University, West Lafayette, INDIANA

School of Nuclear Engineering

School of Health Sciences (courtesy appointment)

Adjunct professor in Division for Environmental and Ecological Engineering

Director NEGE Laboratory

Founder and Leader, Purdue Breast Cancer Research Group: new research in breast cancer treatment

Developed AGENT code, a sister of ANEMONA

Started developing new approaches in teaching for students retention in the field of nuclear engineering

Open the research in nuclear materials detection, virtual research reactor modeling, visualizations and space dose estimates for man missions to moon and beyond

EMPLOYMENT

2009 The University of Utah, Salt Lake City

EnergySolutions Presidential Endowed Chair Professor in Nuclear Engineering

Director Utah Nuclear Engineering Program (UNEP)

Professor of

Nuclear Engineering

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Director of Nuclear Engineering Facilities: 100kW TRIGA and associated labs

Founder and Director of the Advanced Radiation Simulation Lab (ARSiL)

ANS & Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter Advisor

Promoter of nuclear engineering and science education and knowledge management in the world

We are called world-wide:



- **IAEA** in: Research Reactors; Advancements in NE Education and Preservation of Knowledge in NE; Neutron Sources
- **Uruguay-**
 - The first course on nuclear engineering delivered in May: **We broadcasted many labs from the University of Utah – Great model applicable to various educational systems**
 - Digital NAA practices (started in April, 2012)
- **Chile -**
 - Courses and preparation of future teachers; joint labs
 - Virtual nuclear debates among students
 - Joint research / Digital NAA classes
- **Argentina -**
 - Exchanging research ideas / students / experts
- **Serbia-** developing a masters program in applied nuclear sciences and engineering
 - How to provide elementary training and curriculum materials, textbooks?
- **Korea**
 - Exchange of students and faculty / research

ABOUT UTAH NUCLEAR ENGINEERING PROGRAM (UNEP)

Revitalized and Modernized starting 08/2009

 <http://www.nuclear.utah.edu/nep.html> with the mission

- **MINOR in Nuclear Engineering**
- **New Graduate Program**
- **Advantages:**
 - HANDS-ON experience: UNEF
 - New modernized program meeting the expectations of the 21st century nuclear industry!?
 - Cutting-edge research for all students



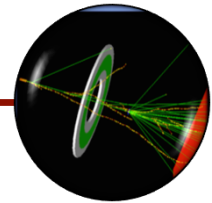
*Provisioning the next generation staff
with high quality hands-on education & training for aspiring nuclear engineers, scientists and policy-makers*



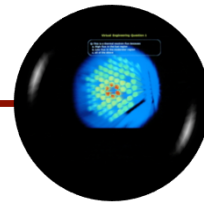
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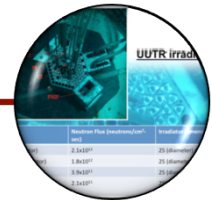
Modern Education, Training and Research



Nuclear Engineering Minor



Graduate MS & PhD Program



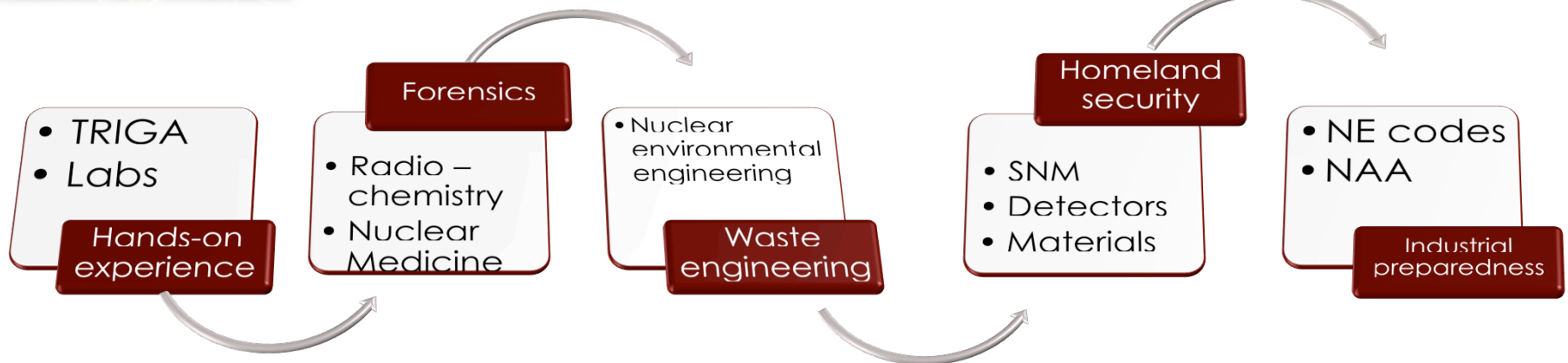
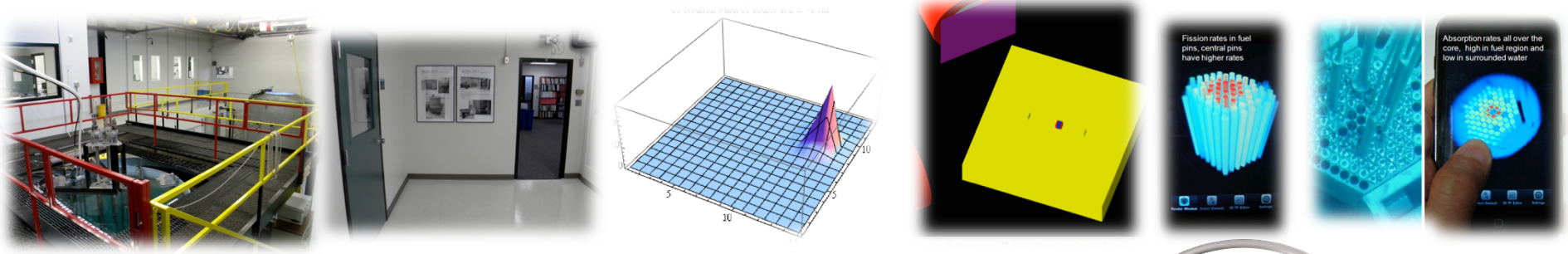
SRO & Lab Training

Bridging nuclear engineering and other disciplines at the U into nuclear engineering integrated studies with hands-on experiential learning



Unlock the world with neutrons!

UNEP interdisciplinary curriculum of national interest targeting the competency gaps in nuclear engineering education



With new teaching and training techniques

UNEP MAIN FACULTY

08/2009 ~

Tatjana Jevremovic

Chair Professor and UNEP Director



01/2011 ~

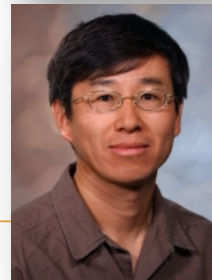
Haori Yang

Assistant Professor



Dong-OK Choe

Reactor Supervisor



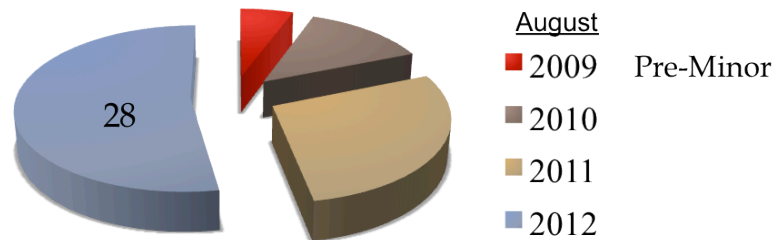
**TWO NUCLEAR
ENGINEERING
FACULTY POSITIONS
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

U Nuclear Engineering Program
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The University of Utah's Nuclear Engineering Program (UNEP) invites applications for two tenure-track faculty positions in (1) nuclear forensics, health physics or radiochemistry and (2) environmental nuclear engineering, fuel cycle, spent fuel storage, or radioactive waste management and remediation. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering or a related engineering or science field with outstanding research and teaching credentials aligning with the UNEP mission: <http://www.nuclear.utah.edu/nep.html>.

Number of Students in UNEP

Number of Minor Students



National Level Comparison for 2012: Our success!

Program		Number of faculty	Number of graduate students
Top 15 ranked programs in the USA	UNEP	2 (3)	29
	Penn State	11	50
	Ohio State	7	35
	Illinois Urbana	11	70

17 MS
12 PhD

As of December 2012: 6 MS and 1 PhD graduated!

Spring 2013: 3 new MS students admitted

NEW! Only at UNEP!



New UNEP Graduate Program

Nuclear Forensics Track

Thesis MS

PhD Degree!

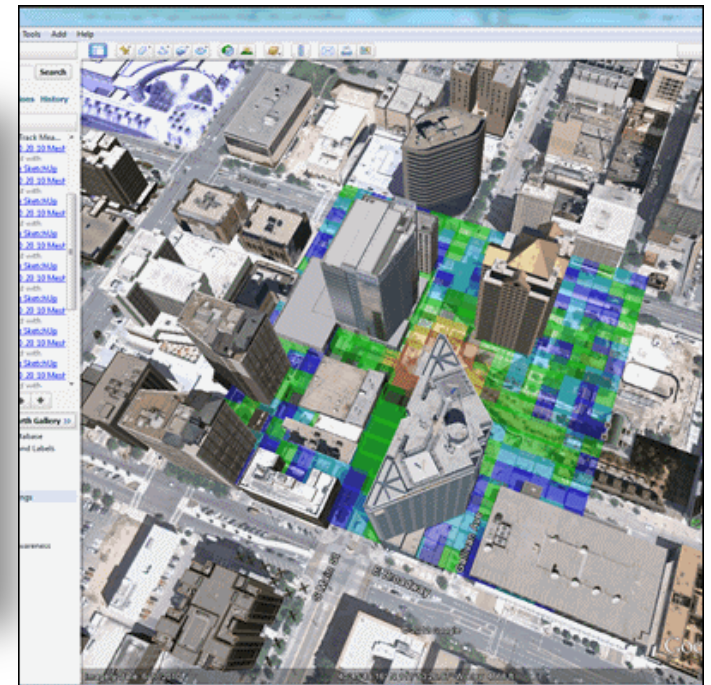
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PhD Degree!



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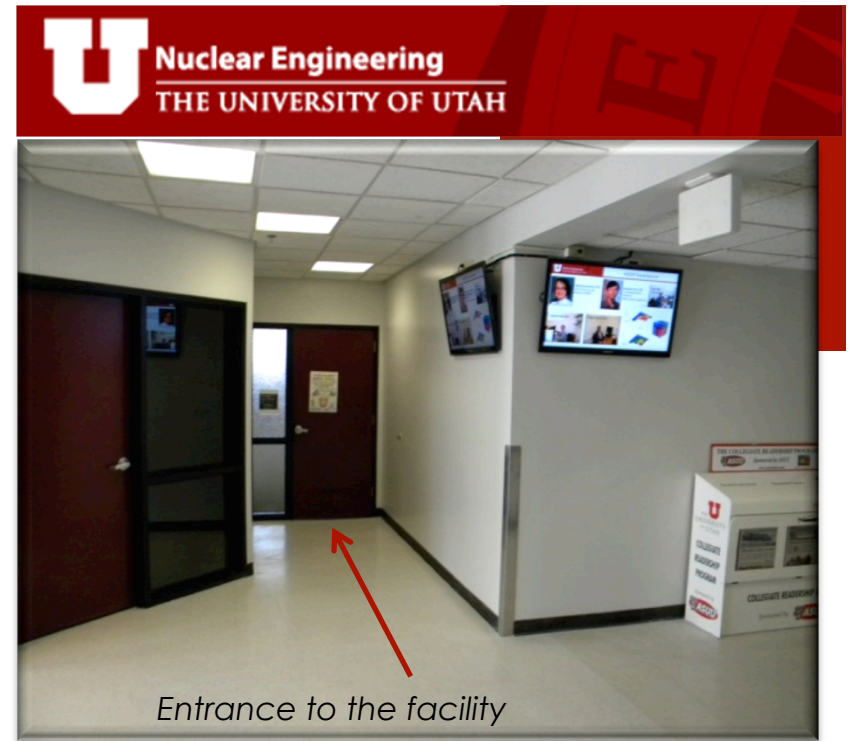
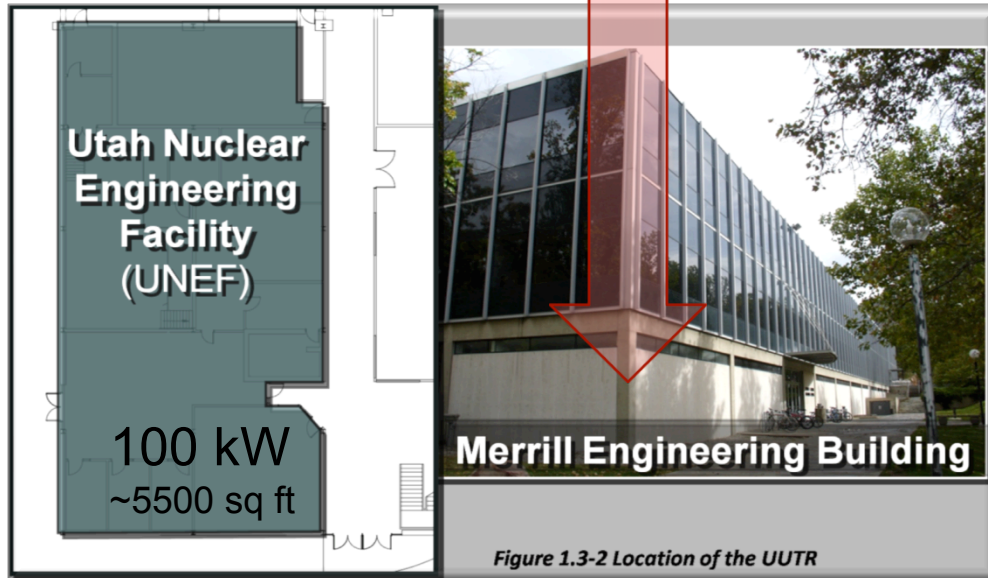


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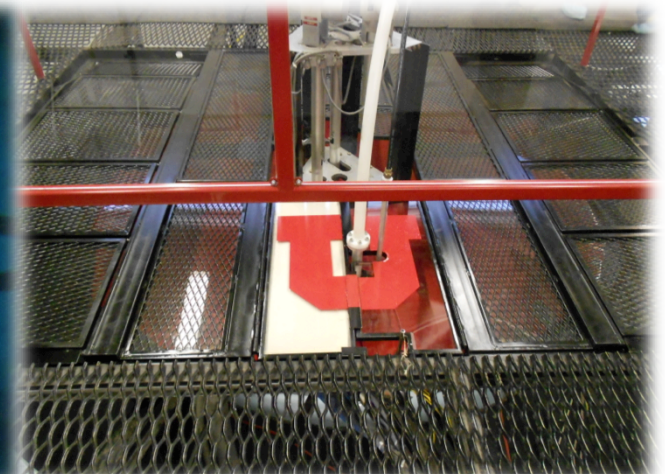
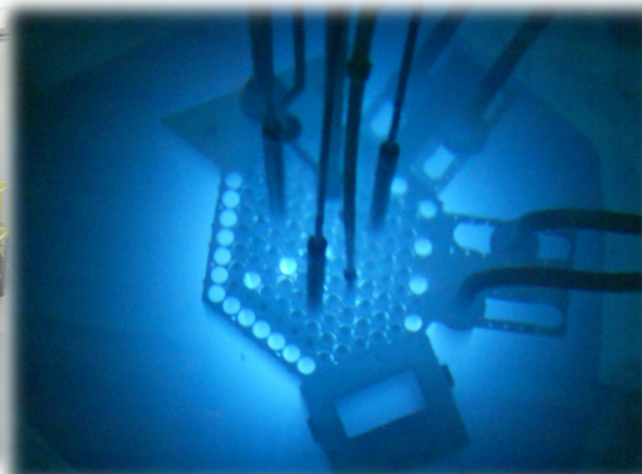
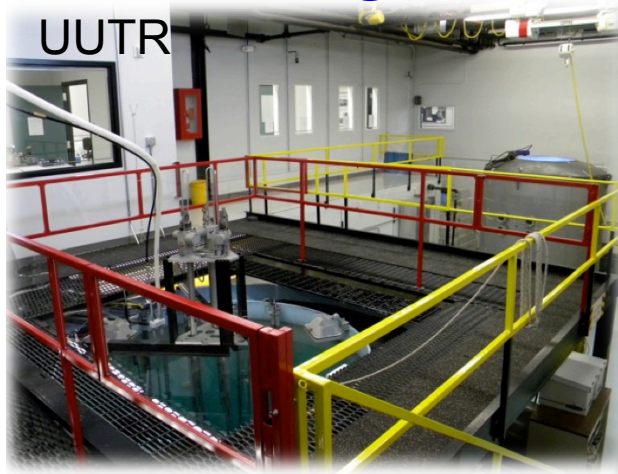
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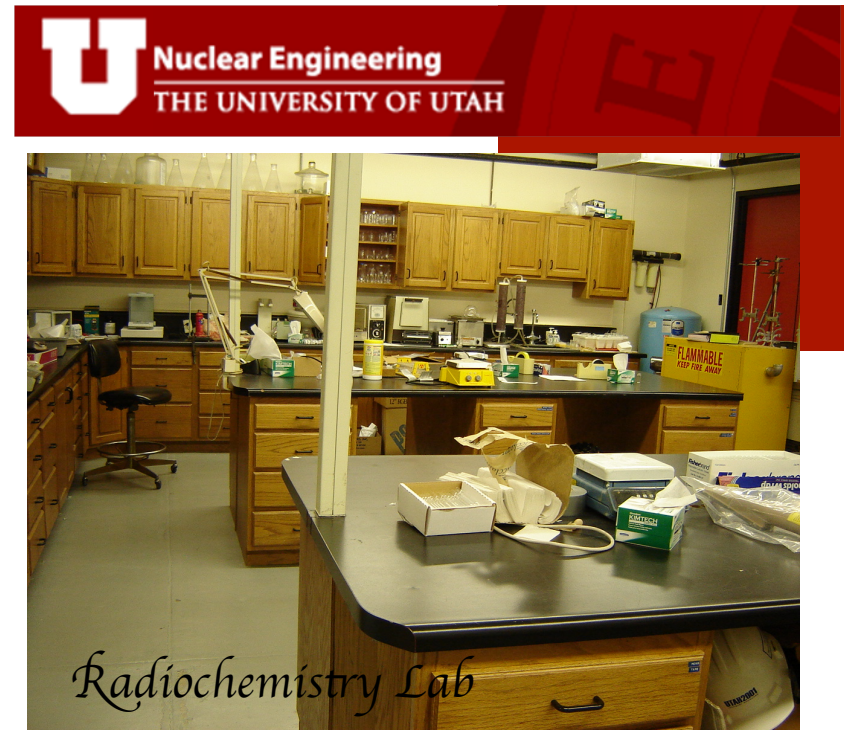
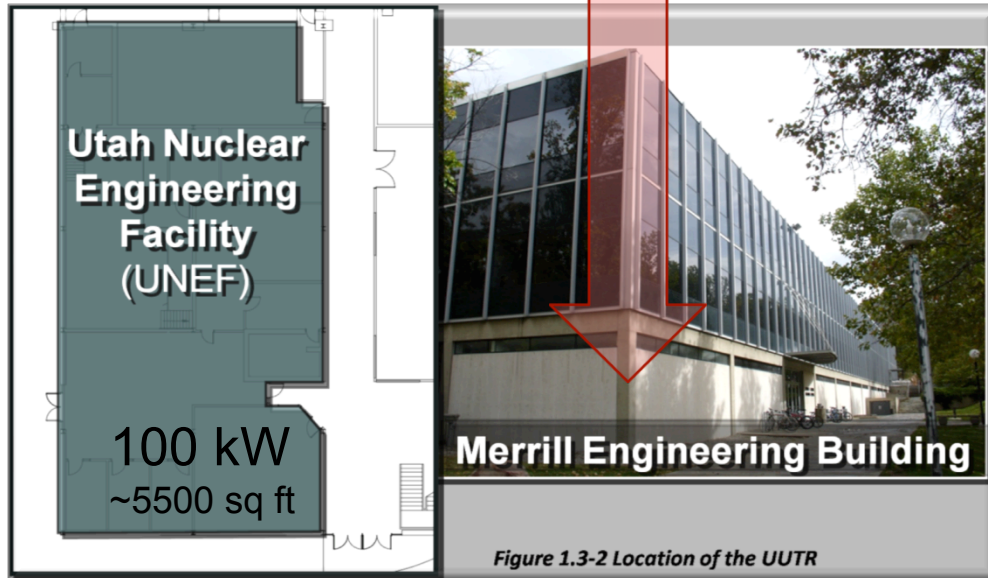
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Blue Wing



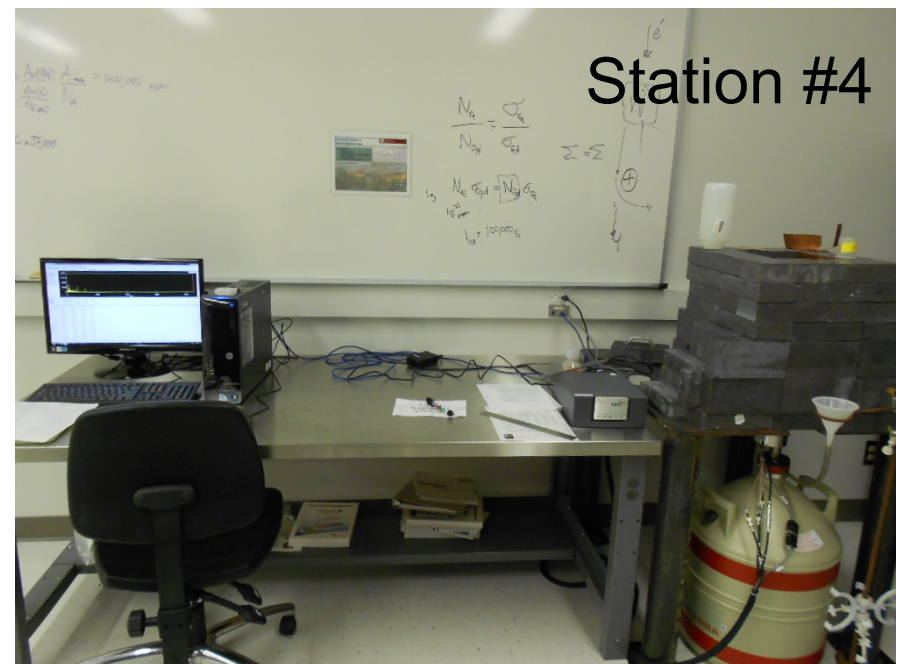
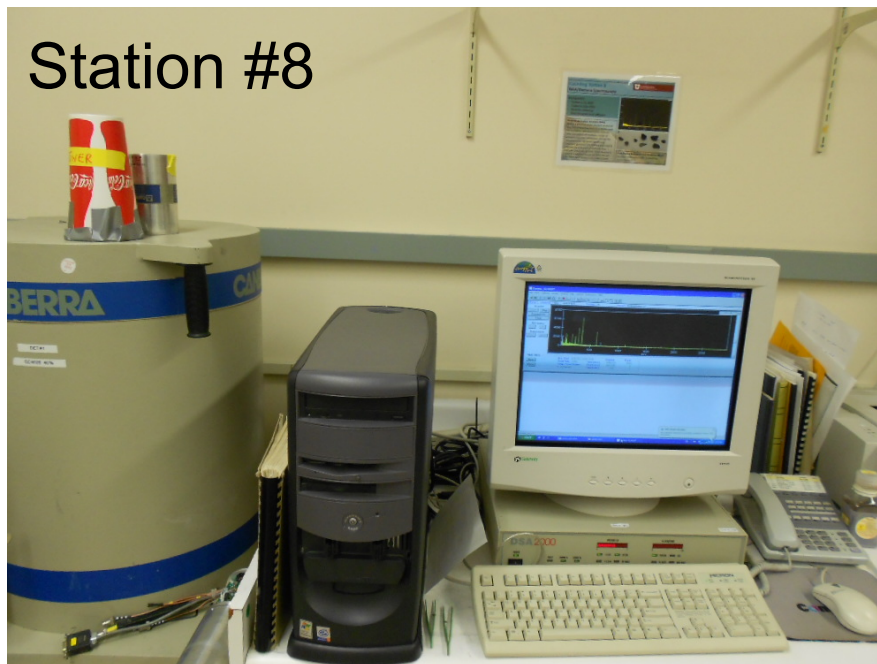
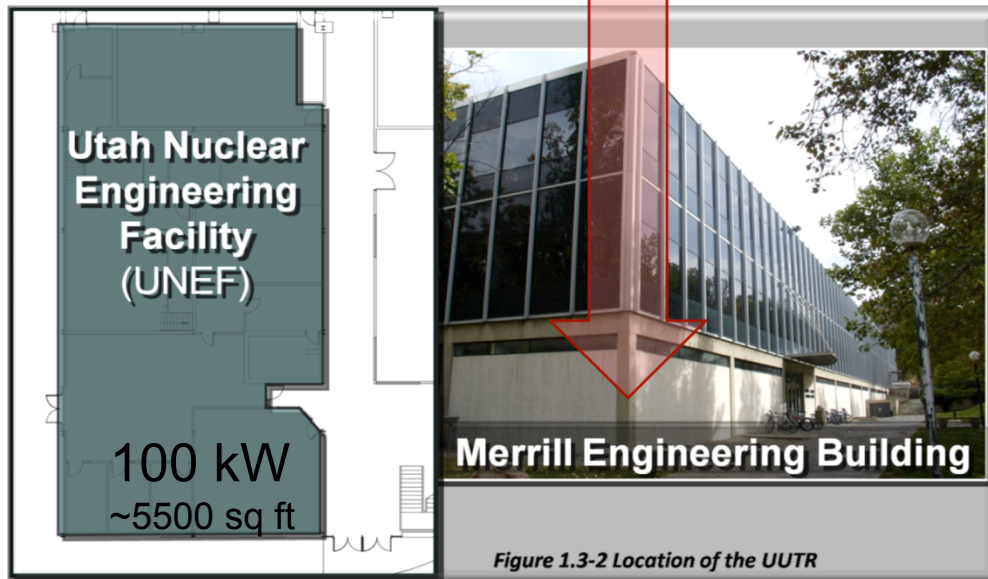
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White Wing



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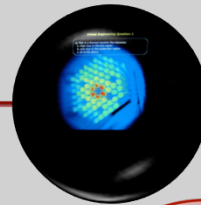
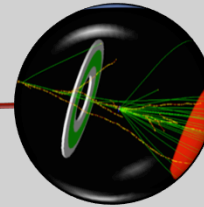


White Wing



Great Salt Lake environment

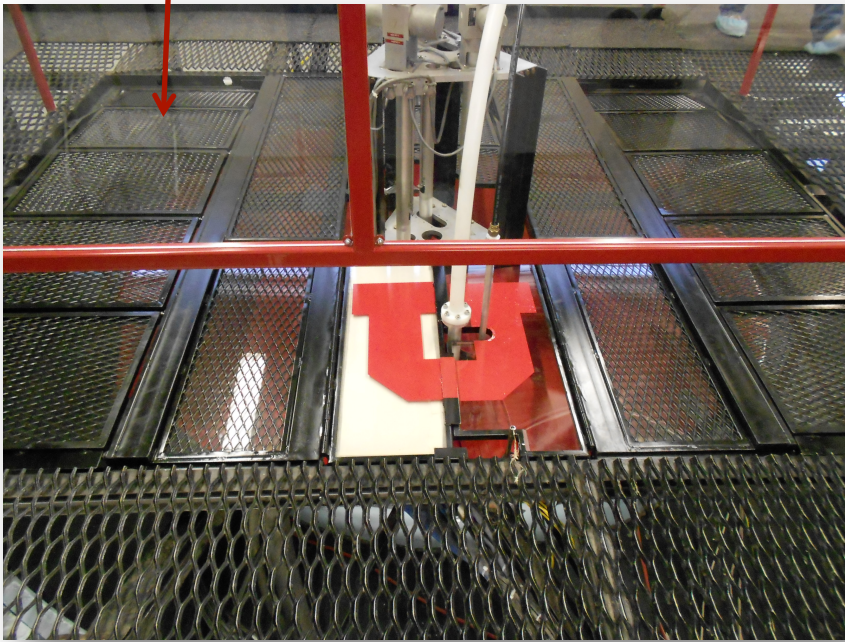
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TRAINING PROGRAMS

UNEP Infrastructure: Training

NEW!



5 SROs

- TRIGA Reactor housed in the UNEP is established as a university-wide facility to promote **research, education and training** in nuclear engineering, radiation science and health physics.
- The UNEP curriculum includes classes that maximize the utilization of UUTR
- In addition: two consecutive graduate level classes in preparing students for the **reactor operation license**.
 - Practical training to operate the research reactor gives the students experiential understanding of the “how” and “why” pertaining to reactor physics.

Facility – SAFETY DISCIPLINE!!!!

Not enough!



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DevonWay Approach:



- ***“An accident anywhere is an accident everywhere”***

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- *Convergence between academia and industry (referred to methods, content, tools ...)*
- *Adjusting the development of nuclear education to new technical and social realities*
- *New realities in Scientific, Technological and social life of Society should be reflected in the content and tools of Nuclear Education.*

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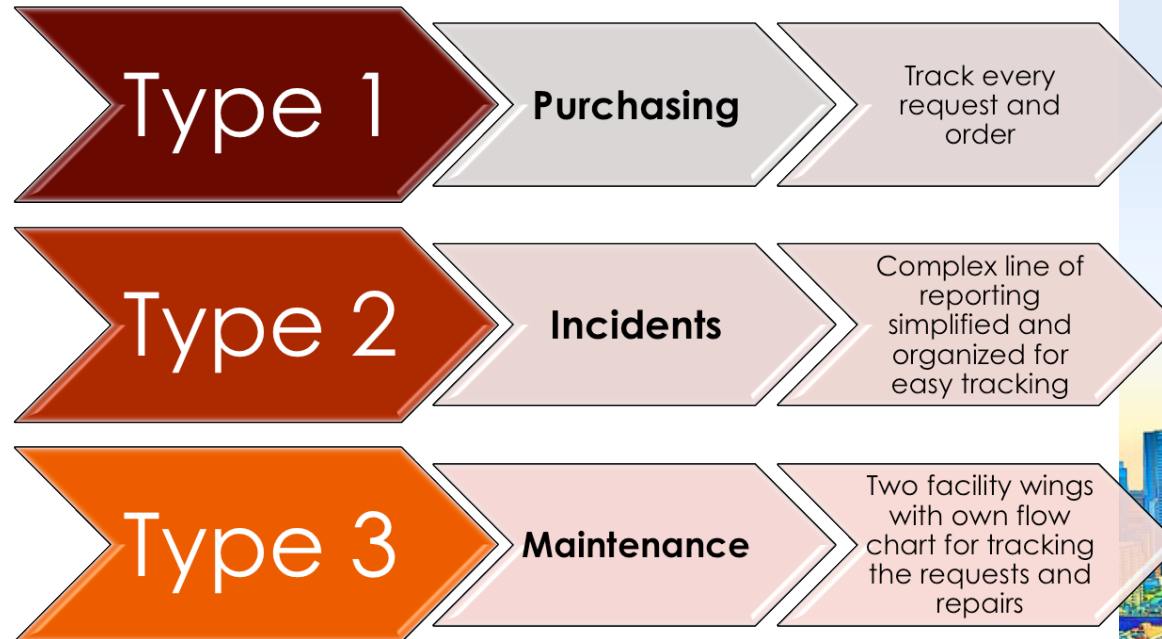




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DevonWay at UNEP: Track & Trace

Students learn new culture



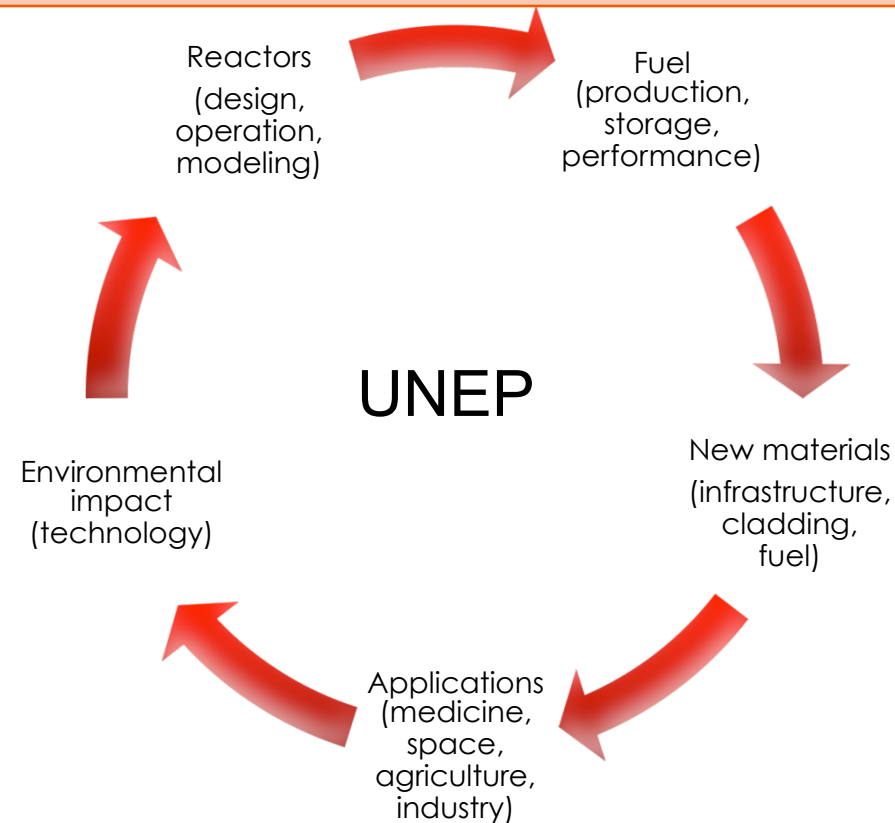
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RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOR NUCLEAR JOBS - SNAPSHOTS

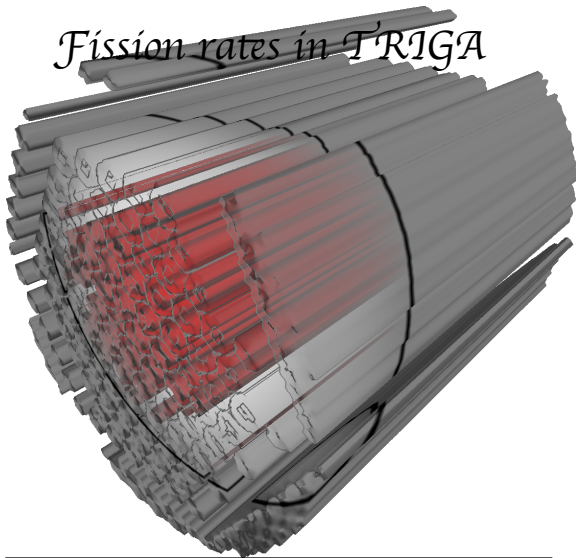


Educate and train the students,
and participate in new reactor designs



Mathematics + Physics + Computer Science → REACTORS

Fission rates in TRIGA



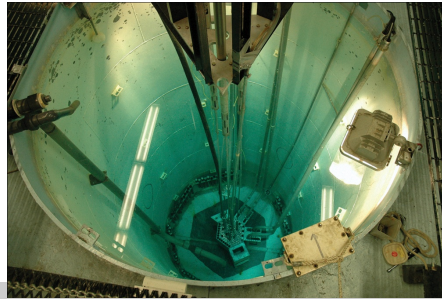
Use TRIGA measurements to benchmark AGENT and other codes

2D/3D AGENT

Method of Characteristics solution to neutron transport equation & R-functions theory for geometry description

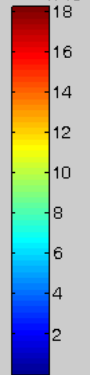
- Isotropic & anisotropic scattering
- Double heterogeneity
- Any reactor type: PWR, BWR, HTGR, TRIGA, MTR
- Extensive visualizations
- Experiential learning tool

AGENT Model of our TRIGA

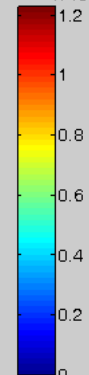


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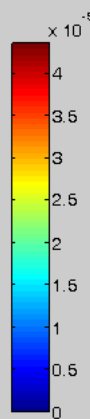
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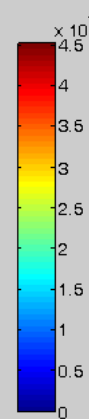
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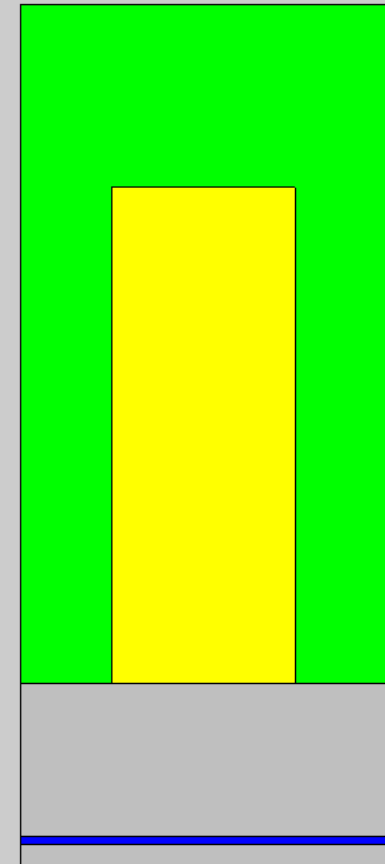
Group 5 scalar flux (0.625 eV - 4.0 eV) $\times 10^{-5}$



Group 7 scalar flux (10^{-5} eV - 0.134 eV) $\times 10^{-4}$



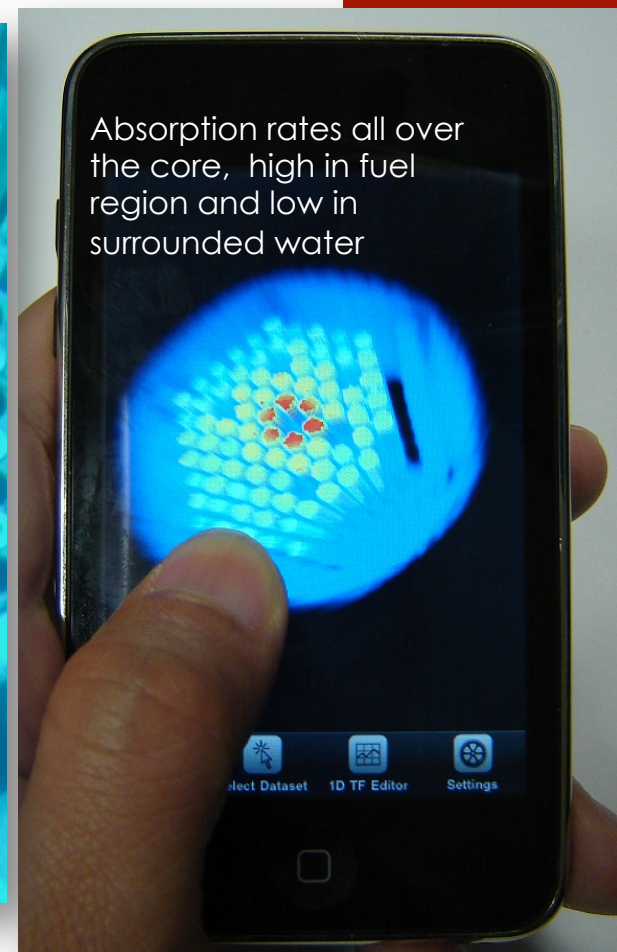
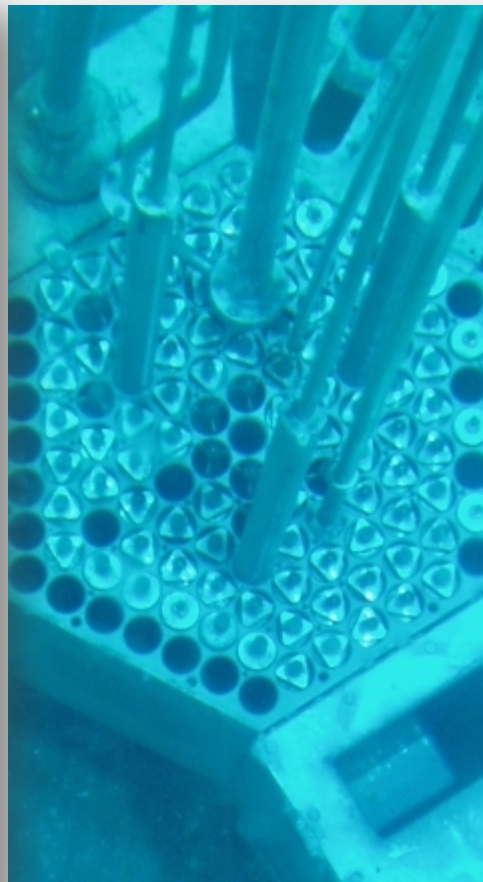
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Advanced Visualizations & Use of Mobile Technologies



Fission Rate



Absorption Rate



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NUCLEAR FORENSICS



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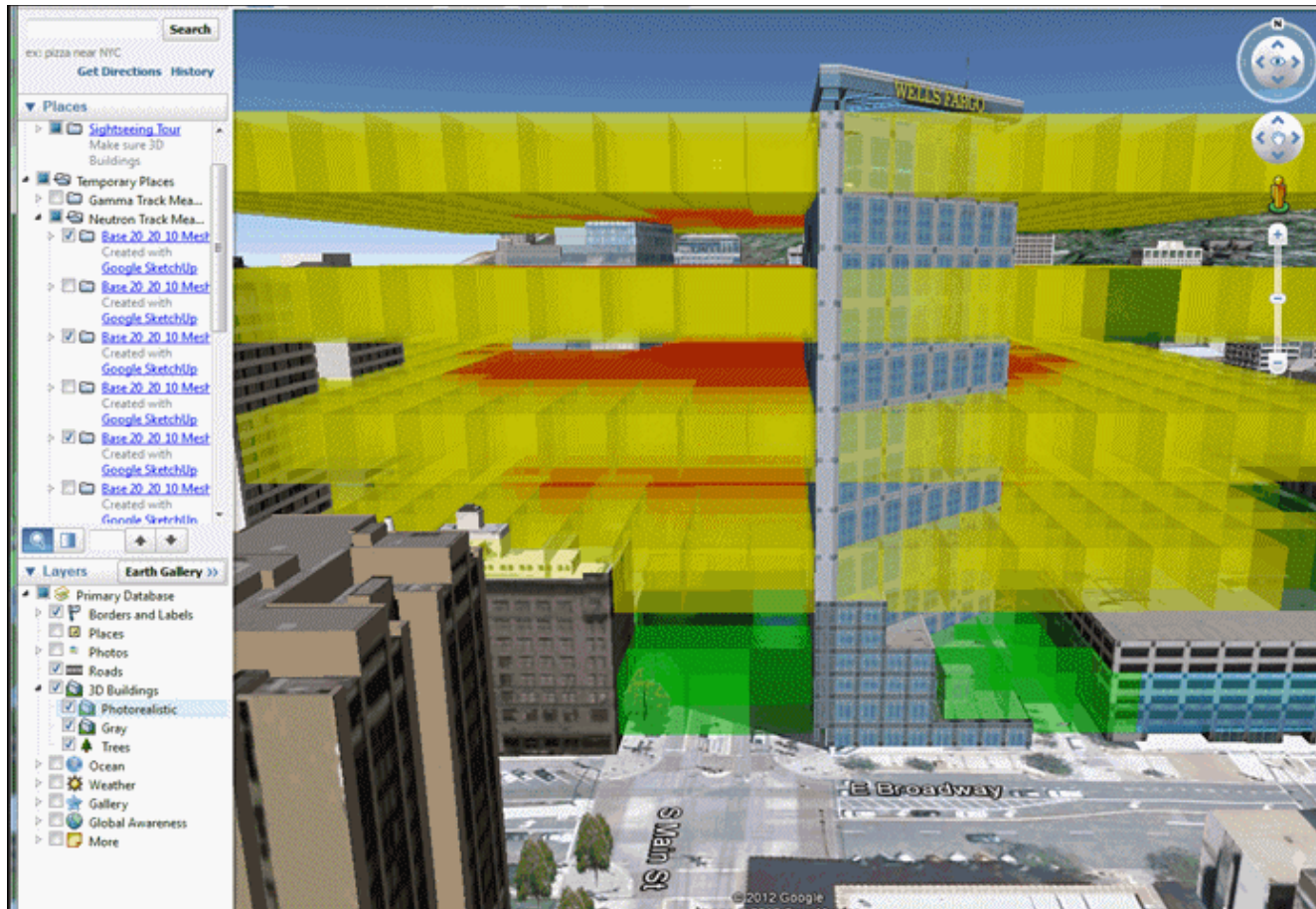
*THE ONLY Graduate Program in Nuclear Forensics
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Nuclear Forensics in Urban Settings

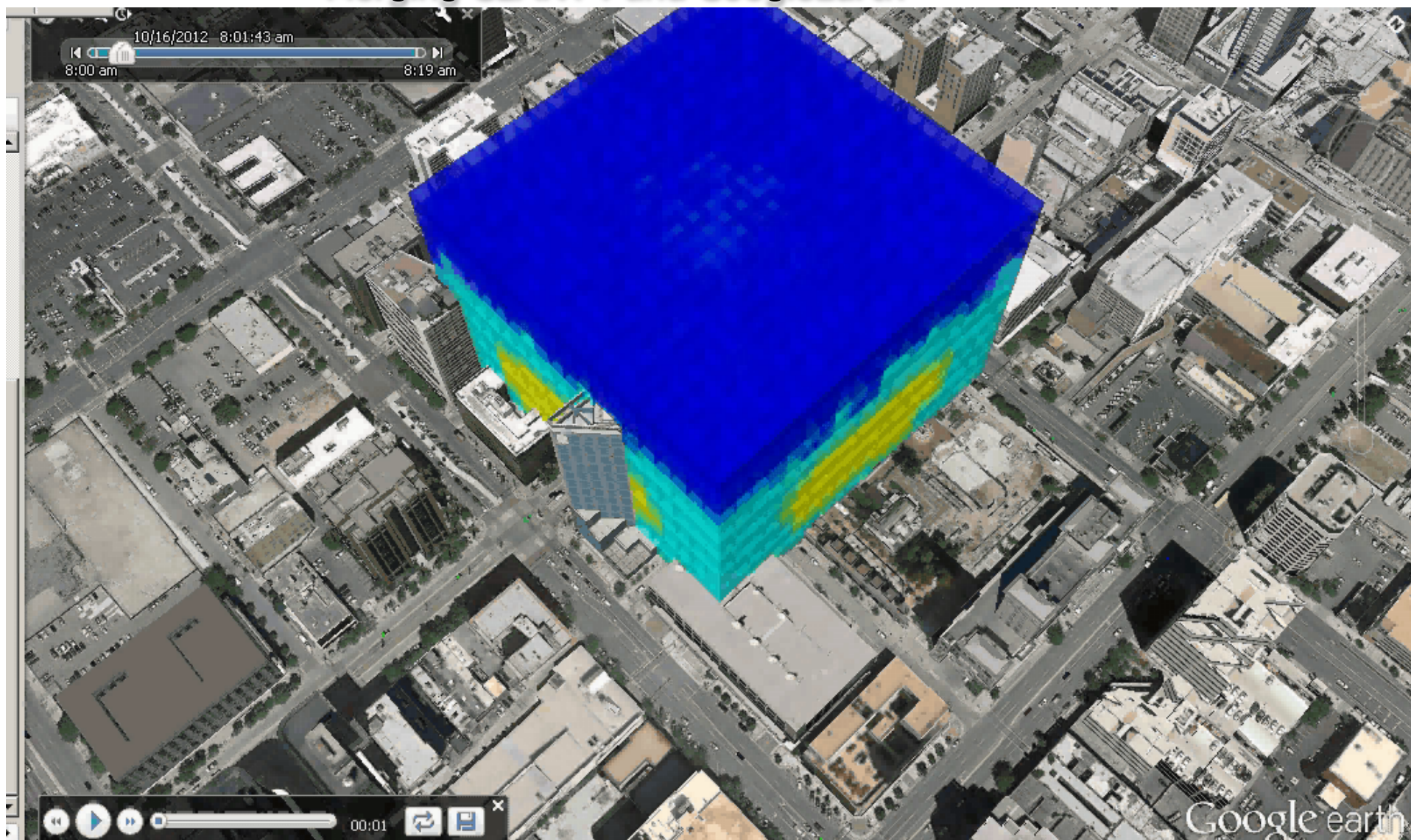
Merging GEANT4 and GoogleEarth





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ROLE OF NUCLEAR ENGINEERING IN TREATMENT OF CANCER

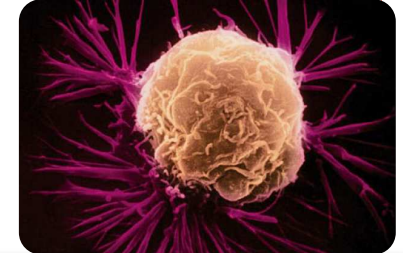
Everyone on Earth either:

- Has/had a cancer
- Knows someone who has/had cancer and lives
- Knows someone who had cancer and did not win

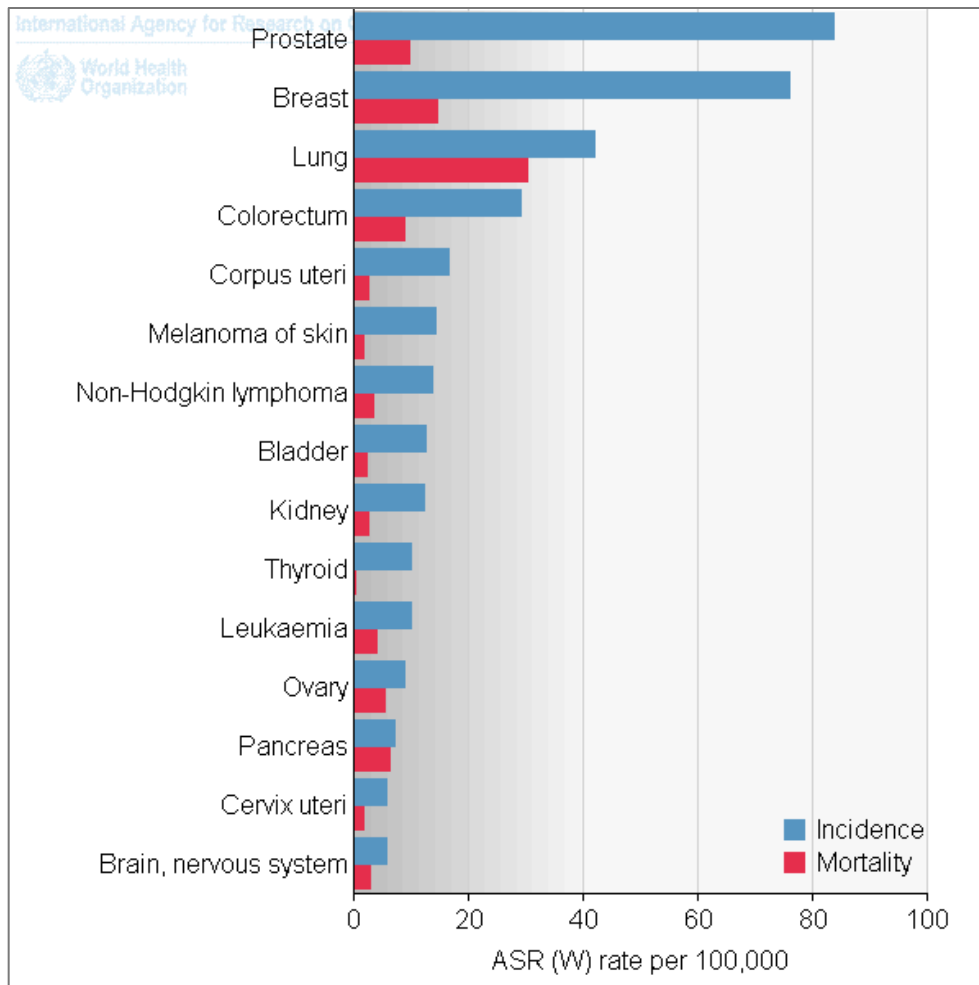
Our lives are touched by those who fights the cancer!

And, among all cancers, the breast cancer takes a lead, worldwide!





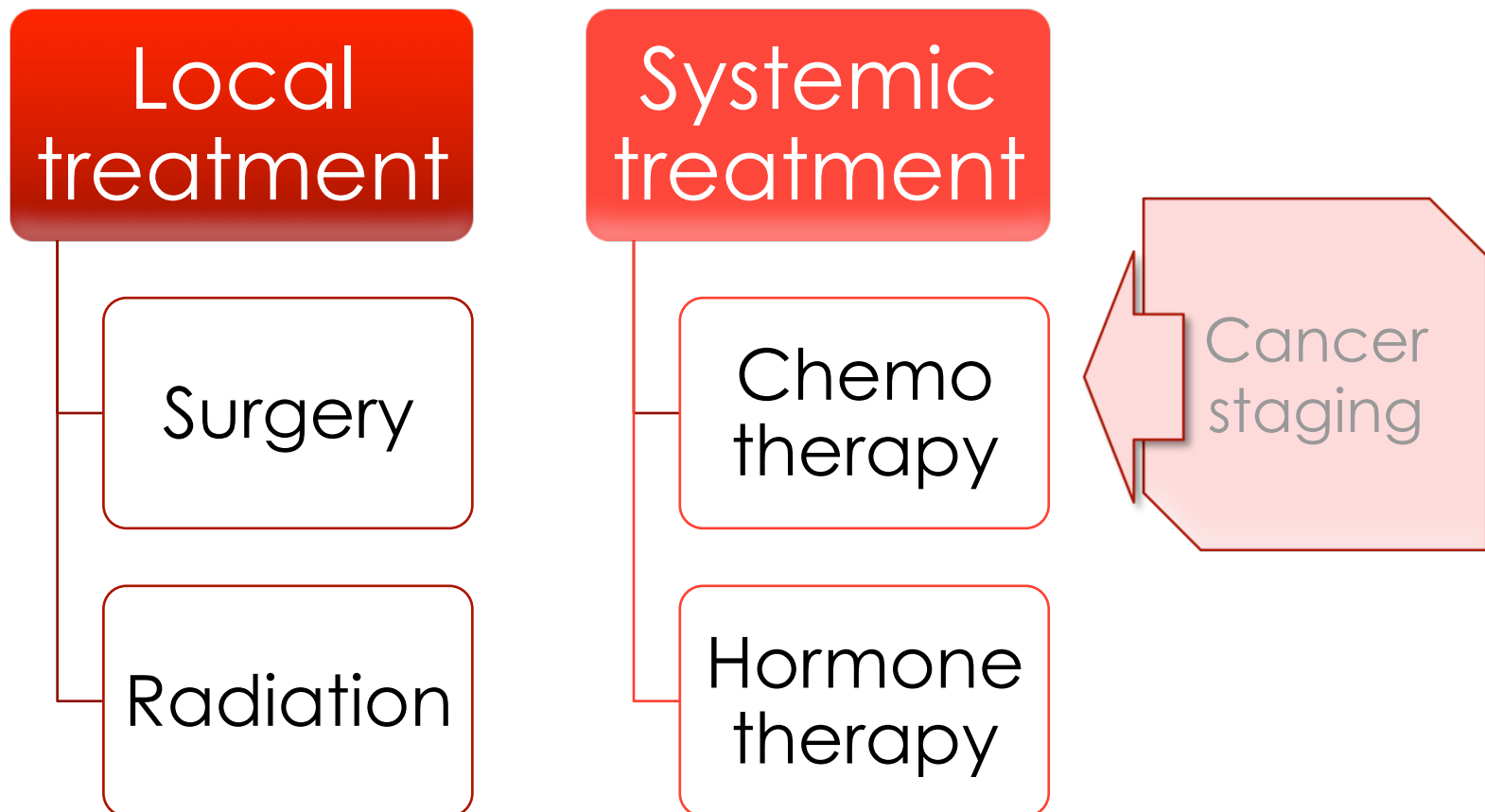
Breast Cancer in the U.S.A.



- According to the National Cancer Institute in the USA
 - 1 of every 8 women develops a breast cancer during her lifetime
 - Approximately 40,000 women die each year in the U.S. alone due to breast cancer
- 30% of incidences are detected *after* metastasis
- **30% are HER2+ (aggressive)**
 - **There are other HER2+ cancers**
- Stage IV treatment options are limited and are only about 10% effective in curing the disease

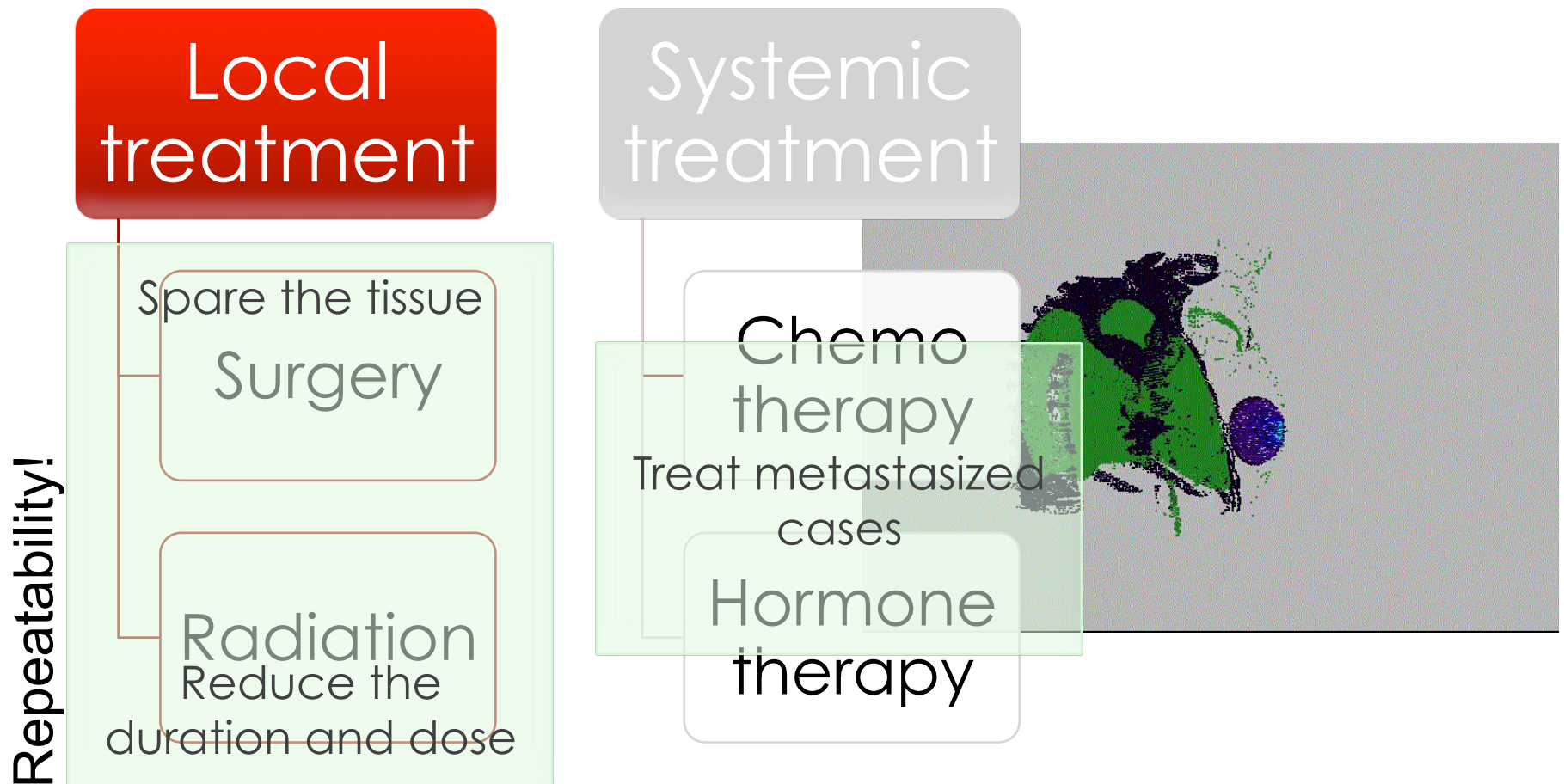


Breast Cancer Treatment Protocols





How the BNCT for Breast Cancer Treatment can become a Complementary to Current Protocols?



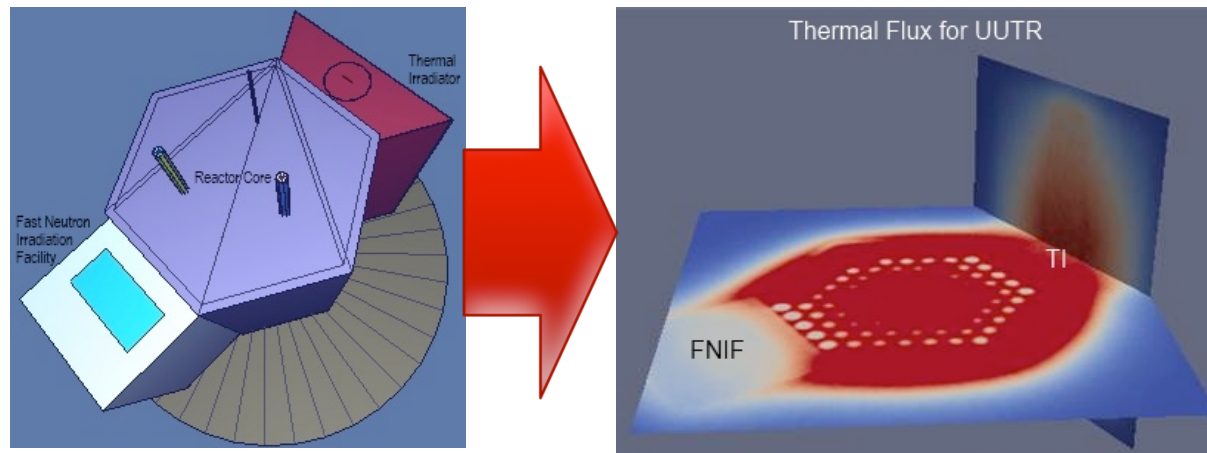


NEOPANORA funded research
August 2012 ~ August 2015

~ \$500,000

With Profs. Magda and Grissom

- Two new pharmaceuticals (smart gels and Herceptin-based
- Optimization of neutron sources: for cell-line to clinical trials
- Optimization of UUTR facility for cell-line and pharmaceuticals' tests



Neutron Activation Analysis



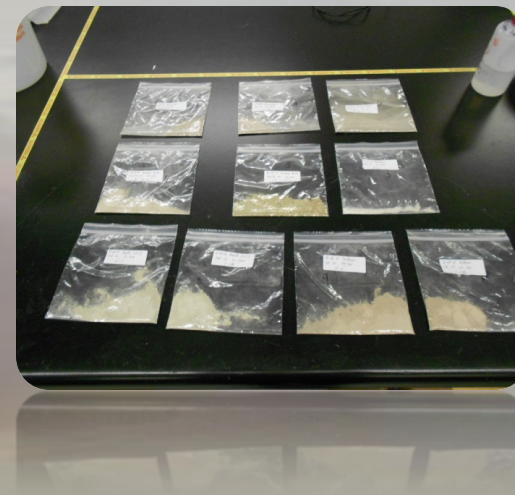
What do We Use NAA for:

- **Environmental studies: Great Salt Lake pollution**
- **Crime forensics**
- **Trace elements to explain earthquakes**
- **Lime stones**
- **Meteorites**
- **Developing new materials for nuclear industry (concrete and composite structure)**
- **Quality of soil in increasing the crops production: cherry farms in the State of Utah & wines**
- **Food analysis**



Geology and Environmental Engineering Historical Records tru NAA

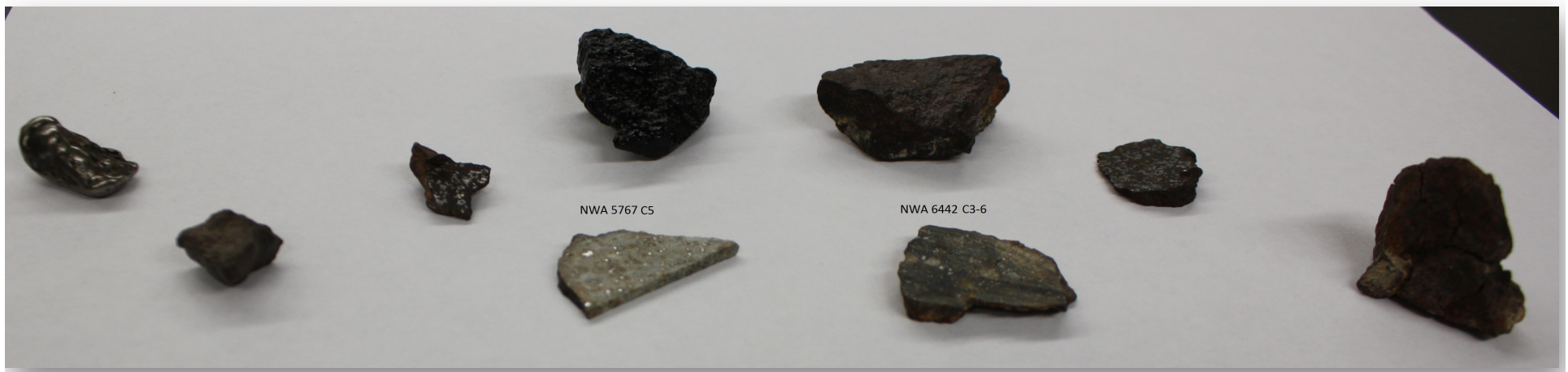
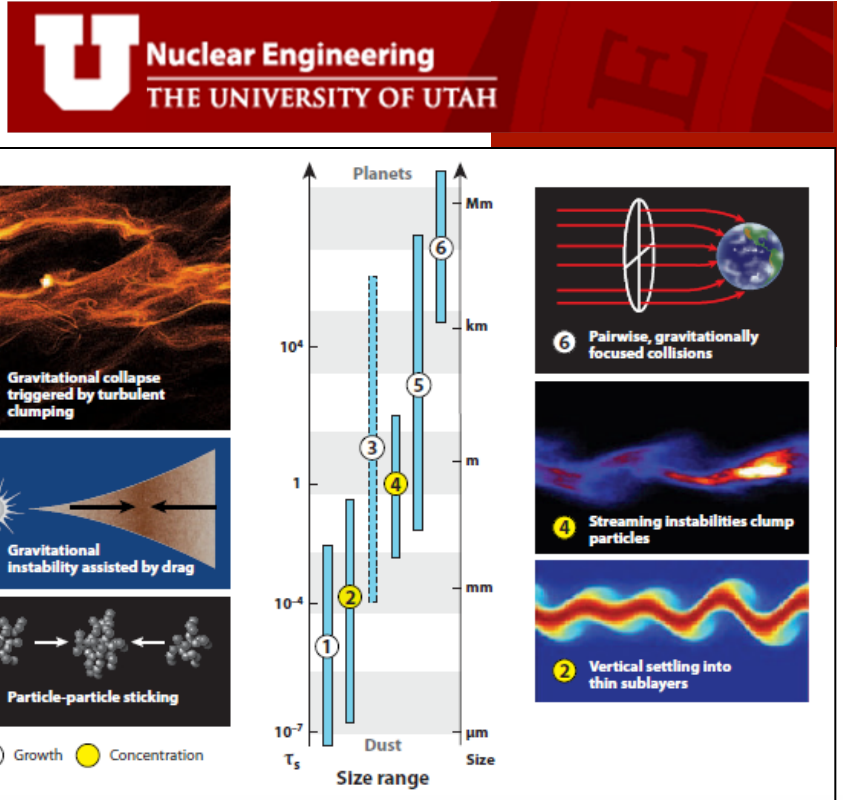
*Core Samples of Great Salt
Lake: Defining Evolution of
Pollution?*



Experimental Engineering: Neutron Activation Analysis



Solar system
and beyond



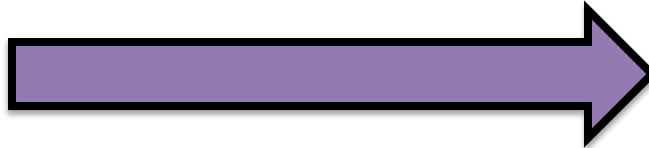
UNEP's private meteorite collection photographed from left to right: Campo del Cielo, B5-123 I, NWA 6436, Tektite, NWA 5767, Ghubara, NWA 6442, NWA 6450, B5-1218

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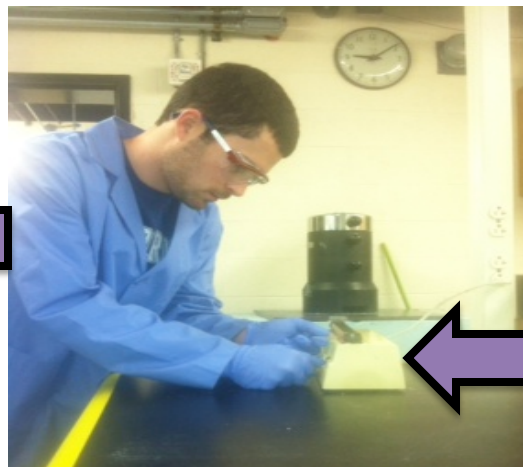
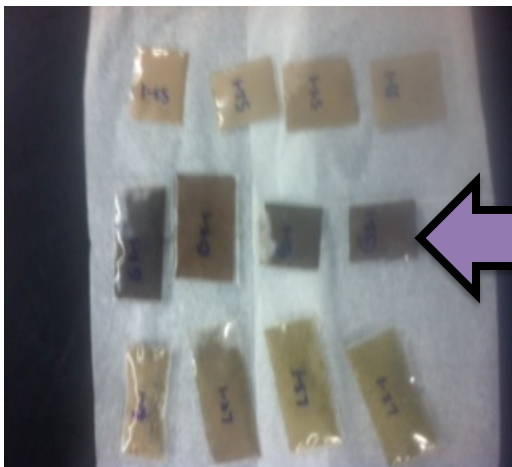
Grape Cycle



Vineyard sampled in Oregon



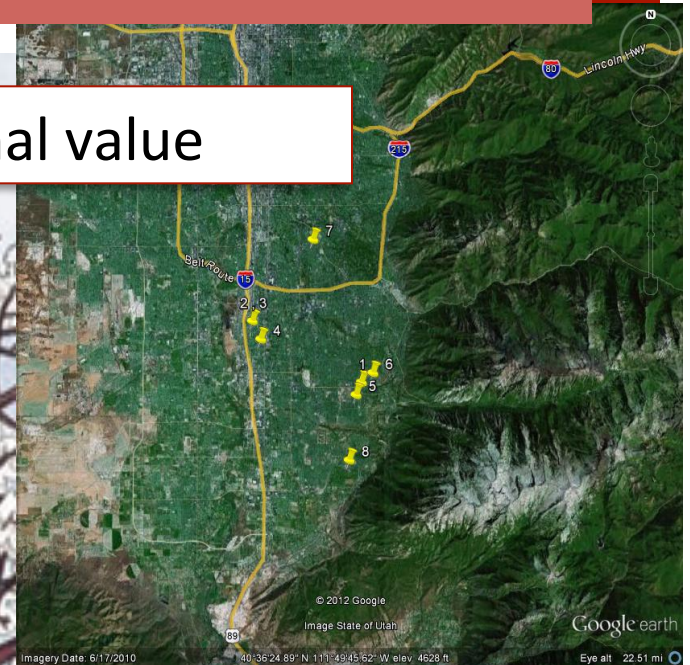
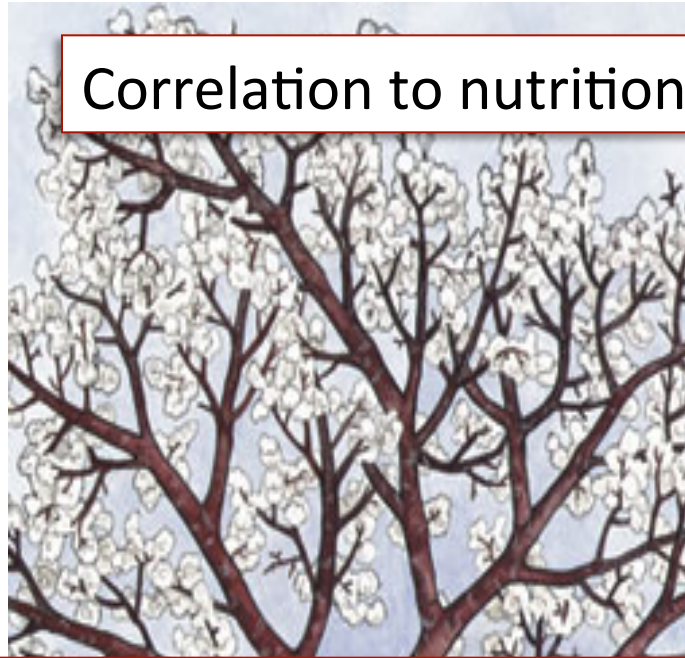
Test nutrient distribution throughout grape system



Cherry Cycle



Correlation to nutritional value

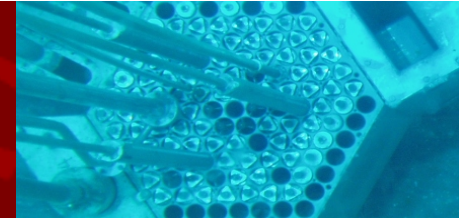


Distribution throughout structure



Soil affect on tree health





New Idea?

Radiation Resistant Concrete

Multiple Concrete Suppliers

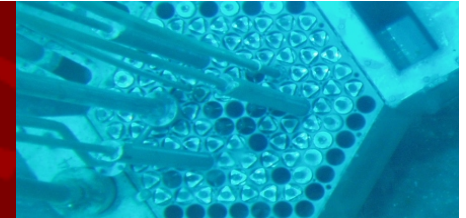


Multiple Portland cement producers

Multiple local aggregate sources



- Requires developed aggregate sources
- Coordinated efforts with structural concrete producers
- Specific requirements for Portland cement manufacturing
- Testing criteria and facilities to develop and verify new concrete performance



Limited Sites for LLRW Storage in the U.S.

▶ **Energy Solutions – Barnwell, S. Carolina**

- ▶ Beginning in 2008 – only accepts waste from the Atlantic compact states.
- ▶ Licensed for Class A–C type waste.

▶ **US Ecology – Richland, Washington**

- ▶ Richland accepts waste from the Northwest and Rocky Mountain compact states.
- ▶ Licensed for class A–C type waste.

▶ **Energy Solutions – Clive, Utah**

- ▶ Approximate size 1 sq mile.
- ▶ Limited area for LLRW
- ▶ Accepts waste from all regions.
- ▶ Licensed for Class A waste only.



- ▶ Utah, Clive facility handles over 95% of the LLRW processed in the U.S.
- ▶ No new LLRW waste sites have been developed since 1985.

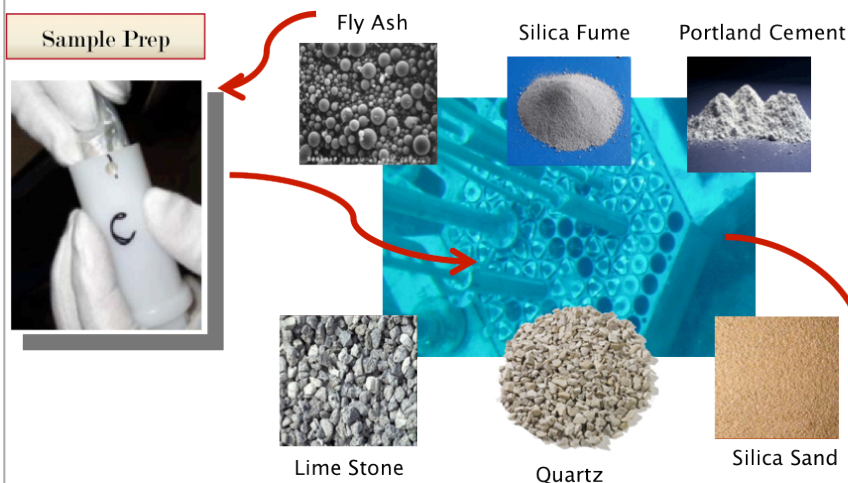
New Concrete for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel & Waste Storages

Radiation-Resistant Concrete Design

How Radioactive is Our US Concrete?

Current Target Aggregates Identified

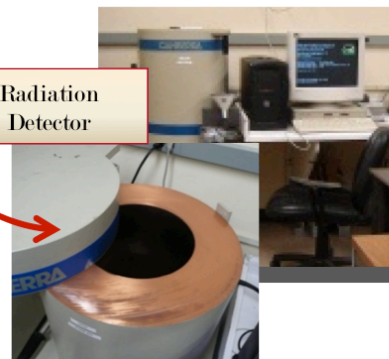
Concrete produced Inter-Mountain West (Wasatch Front, UT) currently uses natural aggregate sources that are targets for Low Neutron Activation Design, such as:



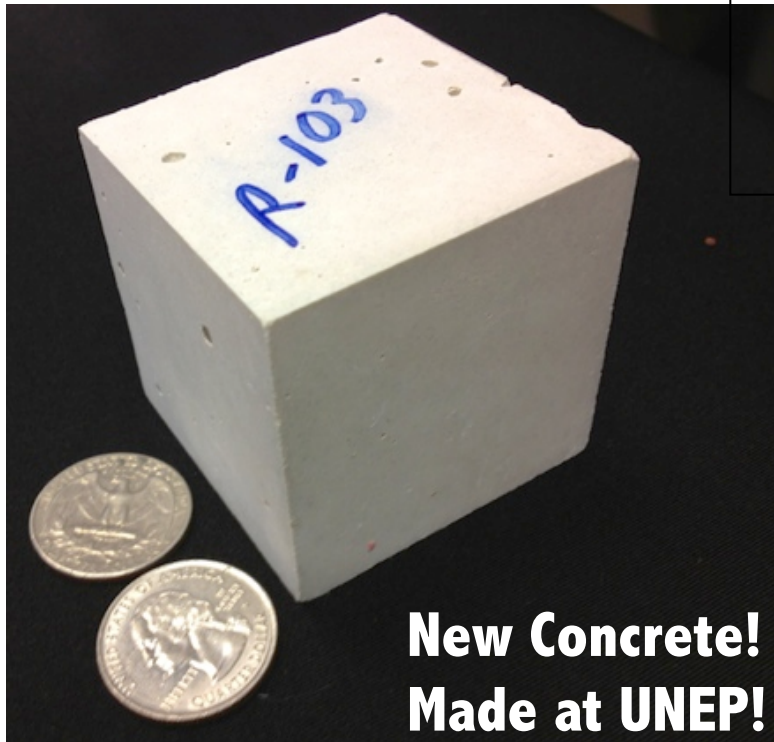
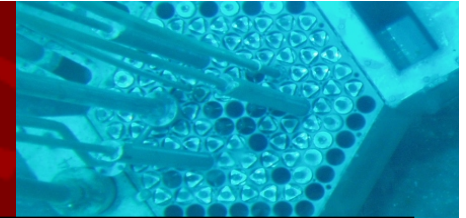
Neutron Activation Analysis (NAA)

- Each selected component is irradiated in order to undergo a gamma spectrum analysis
- Element composition is identified in amounts of ppm.
- Sample activity is known.

Radiation Detector



- ❑ Concrete mix designs & Criterion for concrete design life
- ❑ Sample analysis of concrete mixes & Modeling of selected components
- ❑ Irradiation of component samples & Structural testing



**New Concrete!
Made at UNEP!**

- Created first trial batch July 2012
- Small concrete cubes used for irradiation in UNEF TRIGA Reactor
- Cylinders to test for compressive strength
- Benchmarking MCNPX simulation with experiments



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